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## RAILROAD WILKS FULL SURRENDER

The New Haven at Last Gives Way to Storm of Public Opinion and Agrees With P. U. Board on Supervision of Its Issues of Securities.

### SUBSTITUTE FOR ELLIOTT'S BILL

Principle for Which The Farmer Long Has Contended Is Recognized In Radical Measure Which Soon Will Bring Connecticut Into Line With Other States.

(Special to The Farmer.)

Hartford, April 9.—The New Haven Railroad Company made a complete surrender to the public, before the committee on railroads, yesterday, assenting to the principle that the company shall not issue securities except with the approval and assent of the Public Utilities Commission, and in a manner that takes the state of Connecticut out of its position of hostility to the railroad laws of other New England states.

The surrender took the form of a bill, agreed to between the railroad officers and the Public Utilities Commission, by which the New Haven company is stripped of much of the great powers previously given to it by the state, and is further stripped of its power to issue securities at its own will.

This bill is a substitute for the measure originally introduced by President Howard Elliott, and in sweeping terms embraces every principle for which the Farmer alone among the newspapers of Connecticut, and almost alone among the newspapers of New England has continuously contended during the long term of years in which the state through the agency of railroad politicians, and the railroad, under the domination of Morgan and McLean, was slowly being stripped of its property and financial strength.

Section one of this bill deprives the New Haven Company of the powers which it received when it ceased to be the New Haven Company, and became the Consolidated Street Railway Company, under the name New Haven Company.

So many of these powers are reserved as enables the New Haven to operate and administer the properties it has acquired.

Section two enables the New Haven Company to advance money to its subsidiaries for improvements and betterments, for operation, to pay guaranteed dividends and interest charges.

But such advances must be approved by the Public Utilities Commission, except where the improvements are on property in some other state, and the loan has been approved by the commission having jurisdiction in that state.

Section three provides that the New Haven Company shall not hereafter hold evidences of indebtedness of its subsidiaries for improvements and betterments, upon finding that such action is consistent with the public interest, but the commission need not approve the action applies to a subsidiary in another state, in which the New Haven is also incorporated, and if it shall have the support of a majority of the members of the proper commission of such state.

Section six permits mergers, when they are consistent with the public interest, and permitted by law and approved by the commission of this and the other states in which the New Haven is incorporated.

Section eight contains the sweeping provision for which the Farmer long has contended, which subjects the issue of all New Haven securities to the public utilities commission. The company must petition for the permission, the commission must give public notice of hearing, and make finding. If the issue is lawful and reasonable for the purpose set forth, the commission may make the necessary order permitting it, specifying therein what purpose the proceeds are to be used for.

A final provision repeals the clause requiring that a majority of the residents of the company shall be citizens of Connecticut, and substitutes a provision that two-thirds of them shall be citizens of New England.

The bill gives the right to the Public Utilities Commission to permit the company to issue bonds to twice the value of its capital stock, if the public requires.

This permits an additional bond issue in an amount of \$23,000,000. Bonds and indebtedness outstanding.

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### WEATHER FORECAST

Generally fair tonight and Saturday; slightly warmer tonight. Moderate variable winds.

## VICTORY FOR BIG RAILROAD REFORMS LONG ADVOCATED BY THE FARMER

Railroad bonding bill provides the following reforms for which The Farmer has fought nearly ten years:

No merger without public supervision.  
No stock to be issued except after public hearing and approval by public authority.

No bonds to be issued except on same terms.  
New Haven company stripped of its excessive powers obtained under its Consolidated Railway charter.

Connecticut to supervise railroads in comity with sister states.

## BRIDGEPORT POPULATION 200,000 IN SIX YEARS

—DE VER H. WARNER

Bridgeport will have a population of 200,000 in six years, according to DeVer H. Warner, head of the Warner Bros. Co. The citizens of Bridgeport are asleep, failing to realize the wonderful opportunity that the war has presented, he says.

Instead of realizing the future Bridgeport has, instead of paving its streets, building more schools, improving its public works and fostering its facilities, Bridgeport residents are lying back supinely, according to Mr. Warner, allowing the most gorgeous opportunity that will ever come here to be neglected.

Bridgeport is the fastest growing city in the United States, Mr. Warner told a Farmer reporter today. In a few years it will be the greatest city in Connecticut, one of the greatest in New England, an invaluable asset to the country and a city known all over the world.

The amazing growth of Gary, Ind., will be a trifle compared with what can be done to Bridgeport, says Mr. Warner. The feat there will pale into insignificance when this city's people awake to the possibilities that are both thrust upon it and those that are natural.

"There are quibbling over bridges and pavements and sewers," he said today, "instead of building them. When they realize what is happening they will build more of these things than they now imagine. They'll have to. They'll have to improve their schools and their streets. Concerns that are coming here and some of those already here will grow so fast that Bridgeport will have to keep pace with them."

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General Lee, who was dressed in an apparently new uniform, was the finest looking military man any of us had ever laid eyes upon," said Capt. J. C. Paine, one of the six surviving men who witnessed the surrender.

"He was rather surprised at the salute which we gave him and looked at us before he acknowledged it with his soft gray hat and his word of thanks."

Capt. Paine is widely known in this city where he formerly conducted a metallic packing business on Cannon street. His home at present is in Wilkesbarre, Pa.

At the time of the surrender he was an aide on the staff of General Ord whose army had been harassing the retreating Confederates.

"While negotiations for the surrender had been in progress for two days," he said, "this morning, the first that we knew of it was on the day that it occurred. About 9 o'clock in the morning an orderly rode up with a white flag and said that General Lee would meet General Grant that day. He arrived about 2 o'clock in the afternoon on his handsome iron gray horse."

"The actual meeting took place in the front room of the house about the hall and veranda of which some 20 of us were station. My place was right before the open window so that I heard and saw everything."

That handsome strip of Warrentite that decorates West avenue from State street a few rods south, and which was abandoned when an injunction put a blanket on the administration plans to Warrentite several South end streets will get the usual dose that is given new pavements in Bridgeport.

Within a few days an operation will be performed upon it. Telephone wire conduits will be laid there. A strip of several feet wide will be torn from the west side of the pavement and will probably be replaced in the usual manner.

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## TWO WOMEN AND MAN TAKE PART IN BIG ROBBERY

Seamstress Is Bound and Gagged in Her Own Home in Middle of Day

## ROBBERS LEAVE HER STUNNED IN PARLOR

Make Good Their Escape Though Police Arrive on Scene in Short Time.

Two women and a man walked into the home of Mrs. Sadie Monegan, 228 Pequonock street, shortly before noon today, gagged and blindfolded her, robbing the house at their leisure. They got \$100 in cash hidden in a trunk and the house had literally been torn to pieces, threw the woman violently into a corner of the room and coolly stood in front of the house while they discussed what direction they would take following the robbery, which is one of the most daring yet perpetrated in the Hill section.

Following the alarm which was given by Mrs. Mongelluzzi the wildest excitement prevailed in the vicinity of the home. A policeman was in the house within three minutes after the report got upon the street and Detective Cronan and Dooley were not ten minutes behind the report made at headquarters at 12:35 by Postman Maurice J. Farrell, who lives in the apartment upstairs.

According to the statements made by Mrs. Mongelluzzi through her daughter who saved the \$100 stolen today by hard labor as a seamstress. She was in the house alone about 11:30 when two women, between 28 and 30 years of age, one stout and the other thin, came in. They were dressed in a dress made. They were taken into the parlor and sat about a center table.

The victim had seated herself near the bedroom door. A tall and fairly stout man, wearing an overcoat and derby hat entered. Mrs. Mongelluzzi, who speaks Spanish only, was told by her visitors who talked in broken French and Italian that the man was the husband of the stout one. He watched the selection of material for a moment and then carefully stepping behind the victim, quickly drew a rubber gag across her mouth and secured it with a cord.

He waited a minute or so, then pulled the gag and blind from her face and with a curse and threat to take her life if she made outcry hurried her violently into a corner where she lay stunned and frightened for several minutes. When she recovered herself sufficiently she told her troubles to Postman Farrell. The police were sought and headquarters later notified by telephone. It is believed that about 20 minutes to half an hour elapsed before outcry was made.

A good description of the robbers is being sought through two persons known to have seen them. Miss Edna Haussler, who lives at 287 Harral avenue was standing in the grocery store of Gabrielle Scanzillo, 233 Pequonock street, when she saw the women emerge. Seeing that they were strangers and acting queerly she watched them for a moment. The man came hurriedly out of the house and joined them. They stood fully a minute as if debating which direction they should take and then walked quickly towards the North where they disappeared from her view. She confirmed the fact that they were foreigners and while fairly well dressed were not dressed in fashionable attire.

The Mongelluzzi family have lived in this city for about two years, having come from the Argentine Republic. The husband, Joseph, has been out of work for some weeks and the money taken was their only savings.

VIOLATES PROBATION AND GETS SIX MONTHS SENTENCE

John Suhawowski, 174 Spruce street, recently committed to the county jail for 60 days upon charges of beating members of his family, and who upon appeal to the common pleas court was given a six months' jail sentence by Judge Walsh, with suspended sentence, was again taken into custody last night following a spree. In the city court this morning Judge T. C. Coughlin cancelled his parole and he will serve six months in jail.

PETER A. BRANNIGAN

A victim of the Great White Plague, Peter A. Brannigan died early this morning at the home of his aunt, Mrs. William Hickey, 430 Stratford avenue. Mr. Brannigan was born in that section of the city 38 years ago. He was the son of the late Patrick and Catherine Brannigan. Since the death of his parents he had made his home with his aunt, Mr. Brannigan was a communicant of St. Mary's church. He was employed with the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Co. until illness forced him to relinquish this employment.

## RECEIVER FOR VAST N. Y. FIRM

Appointed Today For J. B. Greenhut Department Store—Claims Are Filed After Court Names Receivers—Counsel Says Assets Are Big.

Depositors in Private Bank Are Paid Off—Company Says Action Is "Friendly Proceeding in Equity"—Siegel Failure Caused Big Depression.

New York, April 9.—Receivers were appointed today by Federal Judge Hand for the J. B. Greenhut company, which operates a large department store in this city.

The receivership was applied for in a suit brought by the Monmouth Securities company and the defendant consented to the appointment. Walter C. Noyes and William A. Marble were named as receivers by the court. The amount of their bond was fixed at \$100,000.

The J. B. Greenhut company had an authorized and outstanding capital stock of \$5,000,000 and a bond issue of \$2,000,000 sinking fund gold six percent bonds. Under the provisions of the bond issue, \$150,000 worth of the bonds were to be retired annually. The Trust company of New York is trustee.

New corporate changes have been made since the incorporation of the original firm, Greenhut & Company, New York. The first occurred when Greenhut & Company became consolidated with the Siegel-Cooper Company under the name of the Greenhut-Siegel-Cooper Company. In May of last year the firm name was changed to the J. B. Greenhut Company. J. B. Greenhut is president of the firm.

The department stores conducted by the company, long known as the Siegel-Cooper store, occupy both blocks on Sixth avenue between 18th and 19th streets.

J. B. Greenhut, president of the firm, is treasurer of the Monmouth Securities company upon whose application the receivers were appointed. The suit is based upon indebtedness of approximately \$200,000 alleged to be due the securities company, and representing money loaned the Greenhut Company.

William A. Marble, one of the directors, is a vice president of the Merchants' Association of this city. Walter C. Noyes is a former judge of the federal district of this district.

In connection with its department stores, the J. B. Greenhut company, conducted a private bank for the convenience of its customers. In December, last however, the firm gave notice that it was intended to withdraw from the banking business and that no interest on deposits would be paid after Jan. 1, 1915. The date fixed by the firm for its withdrawal from the banking business with March 1. They gave depositors two months' notice and many availed themselves of it to withdraw their savings.

A few minutes after the appointment of the receivers an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed against the company by three creditors alleged that the assets of the Greenhut company consisted of a real estate, do not exceed \$5,000,000 and that its liabilities, mostly old debts, aggregate approximately \$12,000,000.

Benjamin G. Faskus, of counsel for (Continued on Page 5.)

## SUFFRAGISTS "SMOKE OUT" LEGISLATORS

Hartford, April 9.—The House of Representatives today brought out the "velvet hammer" and used it for a quarter of an hour to deliver blows at the suffragists. The speaker's methods of calling to account members who, it claimed, had promised to vote for the constitutional amendment resolution on Wednesday and did not do so. There was a call for members whose names had been placarded to make a "confession" to their fellow members.

Several did this to the delight of the members. When Mr. Rogers, of Litchfield, rose to speak, the speaker said that he did not know Mr. Rogers was "one of the immortals." Mr. Rogers said he was on his feet to give advice to the young members which he did to the amusement of all.

The "confessions" were opened when, on a question of personal privilege, Mr. Woodford, of Enfield, objected to being classed as a supporter of woman suffrage. He wanted the House to understand that he voted to support the committee, that he stood by his convictions and was not given to "ducking" his vote. He thought the tactics of the suffragists were those of militants and cheap ward politicians.

Mr. Rathbun of Hebron of Mr. Chittenden of Granby also declared that they never promised the suffragists to give them a vote. They declared that they had voted according to their beliefs. Mr. Perry of New Haven, who was criticized in a newspaper yesterday, was called up by Mr. Eaton of North Haven to explain his "sins" and Mr. Perry after doing this, called up Mr. Stoddard of Woodbridge to relate his experiences with certain suffragettes. After exhausting the subject the House resumed its routine business.

A few medium lambs sold at \$10 per lb.; dressed lambs, 15¢ to 17¢; far nature.

## FIREMAN KELLY GETS BIG SUM IN SETTLEMENT

Locomobile Co. Pays Member of Department For Serious Injuries.

## FLUNG FROM HOSE WAGON BY MOTOR

Suit For \$10,000 Is Settled Out of Court and Action Is Withdrawn.

Fireman John J. Kelly who sued the Locomobile Co. to recover for injuries received when the hose carriage on which he was riding collided with the defendant's automobile at Main and Whiting streets, has settled the case out of court. It is understood that Kelly received over \$4,000. He sued for \$10,000.

In the superior court this morning Attorney Thomas M. Cullinan, representing Kelly, and Judge Carl Foster, appearing for the Locomobile Co., introduced evidence that the suit had been settled and could go off the assignment list.

Kelly was connected with No. 7 company at the time of the collision in January, 1913. While responding to a fire in the South End he was riding on the hose carriage, which was proceeding east on Whiting street. As the vehicle crossed Main street, an automobile driven by a representative of the Locomobile Co. approached on Main street and crashed into the fire apparatus.

The plaintiff was thrown to the ground and suffered a serious injury which made it necessary for him to go to a hospital. Other firemen who were thrown out and injured adjusted their claims against the Locomobile Co. but Kelly's suit has been pending for a long time. He alleged the driver of the Locomobile Co. vehicle was guilty of negligence.

## U. S. Passport Is Denied To Jack Johnson

Washington, April 9.—Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, will not carry American passports if he leaves Cuba to return to Europe. Secretary Bryan today announced that he had been sent to Minister Gonzales in Havana not to issue the credentials. The minister had reported Johnson's application for passports, and Secretary Bryan said the state department replied without consulting the department of justice because it was familiar with the case against Johnson and knew that he had left the United States after having been convicted under the Mann White Slave law, and while at liberty on \$45,000 bail pending a hearing.

## Father Seiferman To Be Stationed In Jewett City Parish

It became known today that Rev. Joseph H. Seiferman, junior curate, at St. Mary's R. C. church, who was recently notified by Bishop John J. Nilan, of his transfer from this parish, is to become assistant pastor of St. Mary's church, Jewett City, under Rev. John J. McCabe. Father McCabe was recently promoted to the pastorate of this church from St. Mary's church, New London.

In his new field of labor, Father Seiferman will have full charge of all the French people of the parish. Father Seiferman is a very able French scholar having spent four years at the famous seminary of St. Brioux, France, studying the language.

He will leave the latter part of next week for his new parish. No successor has as yet been designated to fill the vacancy.

## KNOCKED DOWN BY MACHINE, WOMAN SEVERELY INJURED

Charles Reid, aged 32, employed as an engraver by the Reid & Todd jewelry firm on Main street and living at 215 Read street is today held by the police upon a charge of reckless driving while the extent of injuries to Mrs. Catherine Kearns, aged 62, 832 Beardsley street, and now at the Bridgeport hospital, which she suffered by being run down by his motor cycle, is fully ascertained.

The accident occurred at 11:20 a. m. when Reid was riding east on Bridgeport avenue and just turned the corner of Main street.

AUSTRIANS ARE DEPRESSED  
BY SUCCESS OF RUSSIANS.

Bucharest, Rumania, April 9.—Despatches teaching here from the frontier of Galicia describe the Austrians as very depressed by the reported Russian successes further to the north. The Austrians attempt to cross the river Pruth near Boyan, have failed and their troops are demoralized by the lack of food.

Arbitrary arrests of Rumanians again are being made in Bukovina.

GERMANS CAPTURE GUNS.

Berlin, April 9.—According to an official list made public in Berlin today, there were in Germany, March 1, a total of 5,510 pieces of captured artillery. These include 3,300 Belgian pieces of both heavy and light calibre, 1,300 French guns; 850 Russian and 60 British.

## FIERCEST CONFLICT ON MEUSE

General Joffre Leads French Movement Against Germans and Bloodiest Battle in France Follows—Thousand Left Dead on Field.

Attack Made From Three Points and Meets With Stoutest Resistance—Allies Claim Capture of Enemy's Trenches.

London, April 9.—The French movement between the Meuse and the Lorraine front is developing a distinct offensive, with General Joffre pushing his advance while the Germans are making fierce counter-attacks. This is the substance of the latest despatches reaching London from the continent.

Attack Three Points

According to an analysis of the situation by the French General Staff, the French offensive movement of the last few days has been on three sectors. The first is one a front of 10 miles to the east of Verdun, the second line running southeast from a point near Etain, the second, on a front between St. Mihiel and Pont-a-Mousson, where the French are attacking from the south and the third in the north in the vicinity of Cusainville where the French now dominate the valley of the Orne and are threatening the railroad beyond the river Orne.

The French advance is thus being pressed from three bases in three different directions. According to Paris official reports, French forces on fronts many miles long have occupied new ground measuring from several hundred yards to 200 miles deep. That the German resistance to these advances has been stubborn is strikingly indicated by the French report that the Germans, at one point of the attack, left 1,000 dead on the field.

Greek Diplomat Quits

From the diplomatic standpoint interest is again centering in Greece, where Former Premier Venizelos, apparently despairing of obtaining the support of King Constantine in his efforts to secure a restoration of the republication of his policy by the present cabinet, has decided to retire from politics and may leave the country.

Special Despatches from Hungary express the belief that the Rumanians are fighting their battles in the Carpathians for deliberative political ends, the chief of which is to sever Hungary from the dead monarchy. Some confirmation is given this theory by the reported alarm in Italy over the possibility of Austria-Hungary concluding a separate peace with Russia.

Alfred Price Active

Despatches received today from Athens set forth that the allied forces facing the Dardanelles is not far from Bolair on the Gallipoli peninsula, but this news is without official confirmation.

Nothing has come to hand to confirm the rumor circulated yesterday that Germany had declared war upon Holland. Military movements are reported along the Dutch border, but Germany's uneasy neutrality in the past and consequently it is not treated with marked significance at the present time.

## KING OF BELGIUM WRITES LETTER OF APPRECIATION HERE

A letter sent from the King of Belgium to Prof. Albert Sorlieu of this city was the chief feature of interest at the meeting of the French club yesterday afternoon at the home of Miss Nellie Upson, 789 Park avenue. Some few months ago, Prof. Sorlieu, who, with Madame Sorlieu, is widely known in Bridgeport, wrote an article praising Belgium which was published in all the Belgian newspapers and which came to the notice of the King.

The letter, which is addressed to "Mons. Albert Sorlieu, Bridgeport, Connecticut," bears the crest of the royal house of Belgium and a line of the "Secretary to the King and Queen of Belgium, Queen." It is interesting to note that the letter was mailed in London. It follows:

March 17, 1915.

Monsieur:  
The chivalrous expression of your sympathy has touched the King and he charges me to thank you in his name. I have the honor of informing you of the message and pray you to receive, Monsieur, the assurance of his distinguished consideration.

His Secretary,  
BUNGENBEEK.

To Mons. Albert Sorlieu.

The members of the French club are particularly pleased over the unusual honor which has come to their president, Prof. Sorlieu.

After the letter was shown, an interesting talk in French on the life of the King and Queen of Belgium, also of General and Madame Joffre, was given by Prof. Sorlieu.